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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, AR

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL REACTION TO SOLARI IRIGOYEN CALL ON DEPUTY  
SECRETARY

REF: STATE 152143

1. SUMMARY: ON JULY 1 CHARGE WAS CALLED TO FONOFFICE AND  
PRESENTED WITH AIDE MEMOIRE EXPRESSING GOA'S DISTRESS THAT SOLARI  
IRIGOYEN HAD CALLED ON DEPUTY SECRETARY. END SUMMARY

2. CHIEF NORTH AMERICAN DIVISON, MIGUEL ANGEL ESPECHE GIL,  
CALLED CHARGE IN JULY 1 TO PRESENT AIDE MEMOIRE EXPRESSING GOA  
UNHAPPINESS SENATOR IPOLITO SOLARI IRIGOYEN WAS RECEIVED BY A  
DEPUTY SECRETARY. THE AIDE MEMOIRE QUOTED THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S  
STATEMENT THAT THE SECRETARY HAD A SPECIAL INTEREST IN HEARING  
THE VIEWS OF APOLITICAL PERSONALITY WHO WAS DEDICATED TO  
HUMAN RIGHTS IN LATIN AMERICA. OPERATIVE PART OF THIS DOCUMENT  
STATE "IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GOA THAT SENOR SOLARI  
IRIGOYEN, WHOSE TIES TO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION CAUSED HIS DETENTION  
UNDER THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE POWER, WAS RECEIVED BY A HIGH OFFICIAL  
OF THE NORTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE MEETING RESULTED  
IN THE COMMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE." NOTE CONTINUES THAT GOA  
CONSENTED TO FREE SOLARI, DESPITE RISKS INVOLVED, AS A DEMONSTRATION  
OF GOODWILL IN RESPONE TO THE INTEREST MANIFESTED BY VARIOUS  
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GROUPS OF FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, AMONG WHICH WAS THE UNITED STATES.  
NOTE ADDS THAT AT RECENT OASGA SECRETARY AND FONMIN AGREED TO  
MAINTAIN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THAT  
ARGENTINES STRESSED NEED FOR US TO UNDERSTAND ARGENTINE PROBLEMS  
ORIGINATING IN TERRORISM. HOWEVER, THE UNDERSTANDING SOUGHT IN  
THAT INTERVIEW HAS NOT BEEN HELPED BY THIS EPISODE BECAUSE THE  
NORTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, THROUGH ONE OF ITS HIGHEST OFFICIALS,

HAS RESORTED TO A TERRORIST ACCOMPLICE TO INFORM ITSELF ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN LATIN AMERICA. NOTE CLOSES WITH HOPE THAT THIS INCIDENT WILL NOT FURTHER AROUSE ARGENTINE PUBLIC OPINION AND THAT SIMILAR SITUATIONS CAN BE AVOIDED IN THE FUTURE.

3. AFTER READING AIDE MEMOIRE, CHARGE STATED HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO FORWARD NOTE TO DEPT, BUT QUESTIONED DESCRIPTION OF SOLARI AS TERRORIST ACCOMPLICE. HE STATED THAT, SO FAR AS US EMBASSY WAS AWARE, NO SUCH CHARGES HAD EVER BEEN RAISED AGAINST SOLARI. IF SUCH CHARGES EXISTED, HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO FORWARD THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT, BUT IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH CHARGES, HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO SUGGEST THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY SHOULD NOT RECEIVE SOLARI. WHEN PRESSED ON MATTER OF CHARGES, ESPECHE HEDGED, STATING THAT HE UNDERSTANDS AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL WOULD PRESENT PERTINENT INFORMATION TO DEPARTMENT. HE DID NOT OFFER TO MAKE ANY CHARGES AVAILABLE TO CHARGE. ESPECHE STRESSED THAT RECEPTION OF SOLARI WAS STRENGTHENING HAND OF "HARD-LINERS IN GOA." CHARGE RESPONDED THAT WE WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE ANY CHARGES OR EVIDENCE GOA CARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE.

4. ESPECHE APPEARED HIGHLY UNCOMFORTABLE WHEN HE PRESENTED IT AND WE DOUBT THAT HIS HEART WAS IN HIS WORK. UNDOUBTEDLY RECEPTION OF SOLARI BY DEPUTY SECRETARY CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DISTRESS AMONG NAVY HARD-LINERS WHO HAD INITIALLY CAPTURED SOLARI.

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5. WE SEE NO PARTICULAR UTILITY IN RESPONDING TO AIDE MEMOIRE AT THIS POINT. AIDE MEMOIRE WAS PROBABLY A GESTURE OF FRUSTRATION BY NAVY ASSOCIATES OF FONOFFICE LEADERSHIP.

6. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE POUCHED FOR ARA/ECA.  
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